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## Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on May 3, 2004, disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,553,450 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

## Response to Amendment

2. The Declaration filed on May 3, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.131 is sufficient to overcome the Lai et al. reference.

## Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: as noted above, applicant's Terminal Disclaimer filed May 3, 2004, has been accepted and the Declaration also filed May 3, 2004 is sufficient to overcome the Lai reference. Therefore applicant has overcome all outstanding rejections.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn A. Auve whose telephone number is (703) 305-9638. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:00 AM-5:30 PM, every other Friday off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on (703) 305-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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